

**Superior Town Council
Town Council Meeting**

**Thursday, September 18, 2008
Superior Senior Center
Superior, Arizona**

M I N U T E S

A. Call to Order

Mayor Hing called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. Salute to the Flag

Mayor Hing led the council, staff and audience in the pledge.

C. Opening Prayer

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, Staff and audience in an opening prayer.

D. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmember Cervantes, Second Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor Hing, Councilmember Heglie, Councilmember Peralta, Councilmember Aguilar, First Vice-Mayor Valenzuela

Members Absent:

A quorum was present and the meeting continued.

E. Communication:

1. Managers Report

Ms. Oliver gave brief updates from her written report on request from the council.

Uptown Theatre: Ms. Oliver reported that the clean up is almost done. She explained that the town should not assume the deed to the property until after the lawsuit between Mr. Holmquest and Dr. Wilt is settled.

Discussion followed her report in regards to the WiFi project and the status of the back haul. Vice Mayor Valenzuela expressed his concern that the town is receiving an award for something that is not working. Mayor Hing and Vice Mayor Lopez both explained that it was a pilot project and should still be supported. Ms. Oliver gave a brief history of the back haul installation and reported that things are back on track and she was awaiting a response from Mr. Meiusi on the completion date.

In addition to these reports she also gave brief updates on the status of the following projects: Magma Club renovations, & Ball Field Lights.

2. Public Works Report

Ms. Brothers answered questions by the council. Discussion followed on the areas of Main St. where there are drainage issues and also how the bike lane was striped. Completion of paving or doing a slurry seal on Main St. was discussed at length. Staff was directed to get a quote on the slurry seal pricing.

3. Library Report

Ms. Campos explained that the Town has received the lap top computer lab and will begin a training program in the near future.

4. Senior Center Report

No further report was given.

5. Parks and Recreation

No further report was given.

F. Consent Agenda

Mayor Hing introduced the items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda for approval were:

- 1. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting: September 4, 2008**
- 2. Blanket permit – Historical Society Inc.**
- 3. Globe Unified School District Letter of Support.**

Councilmember Valenzuela commented that at no time was there a secret meeting regarding the appointment of the new councilmember. He also commented that the minutes did not reflect the comment that people are saying he made.

After review of the consent agenda items Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Business

Possible Discussion and/or action on the following

1. Presentation by Superior Unified School District on the Renewal Override 2008-2009.

Superior School Superintendant made a presentation to the council on the upcoming election for the school budget override renewal. They explained how the schools budget works and how they get money from the state. In addition they explained that the tax rate would not go up but would stay about the same. They explained if the override did not pass the school would be forced to even more severe budget cuts.

A heated rebuttal between Vice Mayor Valenzuela and Mr. Gilbert ensued. Mayor Hing called for a five minute recess.

1. Presentation Town of Superior Small Area Transportation Study

Brent Keyce, with HDR gave a power point presentation on the Small Area Transportation study. He explained that the study was a required study and that it would help with planning and transportation for the future. The study reviewed the population estimates and also where new road construction should go to accommodate increased population. The council questioned the consultant with the lower population estimates and how the plan already shows the bypass around Superior to the north when that has not been finalized.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Sewer Discontinuance of Service by authority of the Superior Town Code Chapter 9 health and sanitation section 9-6-7 Sewer Service may be discontinued under certain conditions B. Failure of the consumer to comply with any rule of the department including failure to pay billings on a timely basis. Thirteen properties need to be scheduled for disconnection.

Town Attorney Mr. Beers recommended to the council that they should table this item so he can finalize his research on the matter. Ms. Oliver explained that these properties are on the top 10 offenders who have not responded to any of the requests for payment.

Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to table this agenda item. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Call to the Public

Mayor Hing reminded everyone that calls to the public should only be made to the Mayor and

Mayor only.

Merlin Gindlesperger – Apologized to Mayor Hing and explained that his comments were not directed towards him but to the rest of the council leadership. Mr. Gindlesperger stated his concerns over how the current leadership is operating the town and explained how he felt the rights of the citizens were being violated.

Lisa Nobel – Explained that she was a new resident and teacher at the Superior School District. She encouraged everyone to vote for the override and stated how she really liked working in Superior and how she would like to see more community and parent involvement in the schools.

Steve Fuller – Explained that he was running for Division 6 Pinal County Judge. He reviewed his experience with the council and the members of the audience. He cited his concerns for the situation with Dr. Wilt and other crime issues in Superior.

Mr. Gilbert – Explained that Mr. Fuller is a reformer. He continued to express his concerns about the violation of the open meeting law and explained that he would be contacting the Attorney General and requesting a full investigation on the matter. He also reminded the council how he has worked very hard to raise money for kids through recycling efforts.

A. Council Comments

Councilmember Heglie

None

Councilmember Cervantes

None

Councilmember Peralta

None

Councilmember Aguilar

Encouraged everyone to do this investigation on this violation and hopes they do a very thorough job.

Second Vice Mayor Lopez

None

First Vice Mayor Valenzuela

Asked if anyone even listened to the tape before they began to make these accusations that implied they violated the open meeting law. He also encouraged everyone to listen to the tapes and do a thorough investigation but explained they would not find anything because he did not do anything wrong. He explained that he has known Mr. Aguilar for over 30 years and he felt that Mr. Aguilar was a good choice because he is a lifelong resident of Superior and cares for the town. He also expressed his support for the Superior School District the override and current operations. He also thanked everyone for their support during his run for Pinal County Sheriff.

Mayor Hing

Gave a brief report on the Resolution Copper Land Exchange and explained that there is still some opposition in the Governors office. He updated everyone on the work and improvements Resolutions has done. He also explained that the district one congressional race would be important should the bill not get passed before 2009.

Mayor Hing stated there were no items for an executive session.

K. Executive Session

The Town Council may or may not vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A-1),

(A-3) & (A-7)

(A-1) – Personnel

(A-3) – Legal Advice with Attorney

(A-7) – Legal Advice on Sale, Lease, or Purchase of Real Property:

L. In Public Session

M. Adjournment

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 18th Day of September 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/
Melanie Oliver _____
Melanie Oliver
Interim Town Manager

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